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SUBJ: PILFERED, OPENED AND DELAYED POUCH ITEMS

1. OVER PAST FEW MONTHS SEVERAL USG EMPLOYEES HAVE REPORTED RECEIPT OF PARCELS THROUGH POUCH WHICH HAVE BEEN SLIT OPEN AND ARTICLES MISSING. OTHER EMPLOYEES HAVE REPORTED VERY LATE ARRIVAL AND APPARENT TAMPERING WITH PERIODICALS RECEIVED VIA POUCH. PARTIAL LIST OF COMPLAINTS FOLLOWS:

A. ONE INDIVIDUAL HAS RECEIVED ONLY TWO ISSUES OF "CAMERA 35" MAGAZINE SINCE ARRIVAL AT POST IN AUGUST, 1974.

B. ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL HAS REPORTED RECEIPT OF A PACKAGE WHICH SHOULD HAVE CONTAINED TWO CASSETTES BEING SLIT OPEN AND ONE REMOVED.

C. ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL RECEIVED BOX OF CAR PARTS, SLIT OPEN AND A CAR CIGARETTE LIGHTER MISSING.

D. MANY EMPLOYEES REPORTING MAGAZINES ARRIVING AVERAGE TWO MONTHS LATE.

E. PERIODICALS RECEIVED IN SEALED ENVELOPES HAVE BEEN OPENED AND RE-SEALED WITH TAPE AND ARRIVE AT LEAST ONE MONTH LATE.

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2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE A REVIEW OF MEASURES TO PROTECT

U.S. MAIL WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S POUCH ROOM MAY BE
IN ORDER.
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